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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

In New York, prices were 2 cents higher on mediums and unchanged on the larger sizes when compared to Thursday. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm for the larger sizes and steady to fully steady for the lighter weight eggs. Retail and distributive demand was light to good. Supplies were adequate to in balance, instances tight. Breaking stock offerings were limited to tight for the light to moderate demand. Breaking schedules were full time to reduced. Spent fowl were at least adequate for the moderate to good demand. Processing schedules were reported as normal for the upcoming week.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**MIDWEST REGIONAL** Prices to producers in IA/MN/WI were 5 cents higher for large and were unchanged for medium and small. Midwest delivered prices were unchanged but were trending sharply higher on the larger sizes for next week. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm for the larger sizes and steady for the lighter weights. Retail demand was good to very good. Loose egg sales were light to mostly moderate and noted as somewhat improved. Supplies were adequate to closely balanced.

	Range	Mostly	IA-MN-WI	Prices paid to producers.	Range	Mostly
EXTRA LARGE	48-57	51-54	LARGE	40-49	44	
LARGE	47-56	49-52	MEDIUM	18-24	22	
MEDIUM	35-44	37-40	SMALL	7-11		

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV,Western NY, and Western PA

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged, however asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending higher on the larger sizes. Trade sentiment ranged fully steady to firm entering the weekend. Demand into all outlets was light to good. Supplies were adequate to close for trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were limited for normal to less than normal schedules. Demand was noted as fair. Spent hens were at least adequate for a moderate to good demand. Processing schedules were reported as normal for the upcoming week.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	53-67	56-59
LARGE	48-62	53-57
MEDIUM	37-50	41-44

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged but were trending sharply higher on the larger sizes for next week. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm for the larger sizes and steady for mediums. Retail demand was good to very good. Loose egg movement was mostly moderate to instances good. Supplies were adequate to closely balanced. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were tight for the light to instances moderate demand. Floor stocks were balanced to adequate. Schedules were full time. Trade sentiment steady with a firm undertone.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	58.5-67	60-63
LARGE	56.5-65	58-61
MEDIUM	43.5-52	45-48

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR,AZ,CO,KS,LA,MO,NM,OK, and TX

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged. Asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending higher on the the larger sizes and unchanged on lighter weights. The market tone was fully steady to firm on the heavy weights and usually steady on mediums. Demand was light to fairly good. Supplies were sufficient to at times tight for present requirements. Breaking stock offerings were limited for the fair demand. Light type hens were at least sufficient for the moderate to good demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	50.25-64	58-61
LARGE	47.25-62	56-59
MEDIUM	40.5-48	41-45

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, Eastern TN, and Southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**NEW YORK EGGS** Mediums were 2 cents higher and the larger sizes were unchanged when compared to the previous day's values. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm entering the weekend. Demand was moderate to good. Supplies were about adequate to adequate for full trade requirements.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	75-79
LARGE	73-77
MEDIUM	51-55

## MIDWEST REGIONAL

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	55-63	56-58
LARGE	53-61	54-56
MEDIUM	41-49	42-44

**WESTERN REGIONAL** Prices unchanged. The market tone was firm with asking prices for next week 10 cents higher on jumbo, extra large, and large, unchanged to 2 cents higher on medium. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings generally adequate.

**CALIFORNIA** Prices unchanged. The market tone was firm with asking prices for next week 10 cents higher on jumbo, extra large, and large, 2 cents higher on medium and small. Retailer demand moderate overall. Offerings generally adequate. Small benchmark price 59.

**CALIFORNIA** Shell egg marketer's benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	107
EXTRA LARGE	101
LARGE	94
MEDIUM	79

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	85-96
EXTRA LARGE	83-88
LARGE	81-84
MEDIUM	66-69

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	269-329
EXTRA LARGE	249-309
LARGE	199-239
MEDIUM	189-219

**CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK** Prices were unchanged. Offerings were tight with demand light to instances moderate. Floor stocks reported as balanced to adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady with a firm undertone.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	25-27	
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	14-18	14-16
CENTRAL STATES AREA: AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI		

**EASTERN REGION BREAKING STOCK** Mostly prices were slightly higher when compared to early week trading. Supplies were limited, as quality nest run moves into the grading channels. Floor stocks were barely adequate to adequate for trade needs. Overall, demand was only fair and unaggressive as sales of finished product was usually slow. Planned breaking schedules for next week were normal to less than normal. Trade sentiment ranged from steady to full steady. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 25-Feb-2006 were 1% less than last week and a year ago.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	24-30	24-27
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	12-19	13-17
EASTERN REGION AREA: AL,CT,DE,FL,GA,KY,ME,MD,MA,MS,NH,NJ,NY,NC,PA,RI,SC,TN,VT,VA,WW		

**EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION - W/E 25-FEB-06**  
(LBS IN THOUSANDS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,274,693	32,252	11,498	6,164	2,902	4,387
PW	1,277,719	31,341	12,671	6,805	3,000	4,405
LY	1,239,906	30,324	11,917	6,138	2,520	4,320
% Chg PWK	0%	3%	-9%	-9%	-3%	0%
% Chg LY	3%	6%	-4%	0%	15%	2%
2006	10,250,897	249,097	97,914	53,988	25,536	35,121
2005	9,850,476	235,377	96,433	51,216	23,382	34,667
% Chg YTD	4%	6%	2%	5%	9%	1%
Average Yield Per Case -		Current Week	Previous Week	Last Year		
(Inedible Included)		42.60	43.22	42.50		
(Inedible Excluded)		39.16	39.77	39.02		

IN-LINE PRODUCTION (of total production; lbs. in thousands; may include limited amount of off-line source material)

	CASES BROKEN		LIQUID WHOLE	
	Cases	% of Total	Lbs.	% of Total
CURRENT WEEK	588,586	46.1%	16,026	49.7%
PREVIOUS WEEK	593,282	46.4%	15,838	50.5%
LAST YEAR	500,727	40.4%	13,315	43.9%

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN** Prices unchanged. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 2/25 was 16% less than the previous week. Frozen demand moderate and freezer stocks adequate.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES, FOB SHIPPING POINT (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS)

	RANGE
WHOLE	46-50
WHITES	43-46
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	61-64
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	58-61

**EASTERN REGION FROZEN** Majority prices were unchanged to slightly higher on whole, unchanged on balance of items when compared to a week earlier. Demand and trading was generally light. Offerings were adequate for current requirements. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 25-Feb-2006 were 3 % less than last week, and 2 % lower than a year ago.

	RANGE	MOSTLY	LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.) RANGE
WHOLE	36-45	38-43	46-51
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		53-74
WHITES	35-43	38-40	43-55
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	54-58	55-57	61-70
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	51-55	51-54	57-68

(/) - whole plus yolk plus sweetener, generally 28-32% egg solids.

**CENTRAL REGION FROZEN** All frozen prices ranged unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady for all frozen products. Offerings were adequate to available for all products with freezer stocks increasing in most locations. Demand was light to moderate as processors worked on regular commitments. Sugared yolk demand was quiet while salted yolk movement was reported as slowly improving. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged when compared to the previous week's reported prices.

wholesale selling prices (cents per pound in 30 lb containers)

	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	40-43	40-42
WHITES	38-43	38
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	54-59	54-58
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	51-55	51-54

**NATIONAL DRIED EGG REPORT** Mostly prices were unchanged on blends, slightly lower on whole, unchanged to lower on yolks, and irregular on albumen when compared to a week earlier. Demand and movement was moderate to mostly light. Offerings were sufficient for trade needs. Trade sentiment was cautious but usually steady on whole and yolks, and mixed on albumen. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending 25-Feb-2006 were 3% lower than the previous week, but 15% more than last year. The total year to date production on dried eggs produced were 9% higher than a year ago.

wholesale selling prices, dollars per lb, in cont., trucklot & less-than-trucklot volumes.

WHOLE	1.32-1.60	MOSTLY 1.39-1.45
YOLKS	1.31-1.55	MOSTLY 1.35-1.40
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	2.58-2.90	MOSTLY 2.65-2.75
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.25-1.35	MOSTLY 1.30-1.35

**NATIONAL LIQUID** Pasteurized salt yolk reported from 35 to 36 cents fob with pasteurized whites reported at 32.5 cents fob. Trade sentiment was steady for all liquid products. Offerings were in better balance to adequate for all liquid components. Demand was good for whole egg, fairly good to instances good for whites, and fairly good and reported as continuing to improve for yolk. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged when compared to last week's reported prices.

Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00AM non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG.	CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK
WHOLE	37	20-23	20.89	-.30
WHITES	20	22-25.5	24.95	-.28
YOLKS	17	34-38	35.85	-.68

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR FEB 24, 2006-MAR 02, 2006

CURRENT LOADS							86.75	FUTURE LOADS			79.50	TOTAL LOADS			166.25
SE		NE		MW				SC		NW		SW			
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	40.25	49.33	38.79	40.67	—	44.67	44.00	GNR W 1	—	49.63	—	—	—	—	21.00
GNR W 2	—	41.33	—	—	—	—	7.00	GNR W 2	—	49.00	—	—	—	—	4.00
GNR W 4	—	—	—	26.00	21.00	—	4.00	GL W J	56.43	—	—	—	—	63.85	6.75
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	33.00	39.00	1.00	GL W XL	—	56.10	—	60.00	—	59.71	11.25
GL W J	—	—	—	—	49.60	—	5.00	GL W LG	—	54.92	—	61.75	—	58.52	34.00
GL W XL	32.50	55.45	49.67	50.87	45.80	—	47.00	GL W MD	31.50	37.50	36.50	41.43	—	40.80	12.25
GL W LG	—	52.73	42.67	52.00	49.02	—	52.00	GL BR LG	—	—	—	60.00	54.00	—	1.00
GL W MD	37.00	37.00	30.50	32.00	30.56	—	13.75	NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.00
GL W SM	24.88	27.25	21.80	23.25	—	22.00	8.00								
GL BR LG	—	—	52.00	—	—	—	1.00								
NRBS - 48	28.00	30.00	—	—	—	27.25	15.00								
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	23.00	4.00								
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	20.33	16.50	18.00	6.00								

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT-MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED. LOAD MOVEMENT REPRESENTS TOTAL MOVEMENT WITHIN 6 REGIONS.

**LIGHT TYPE HENS**

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL  
WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS

(INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER  
CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

**EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN** Prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand ranged moderate to good, best into rendering operations. Offerings of spent hens were at least adequate for current needs. Processing schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was steady. **RANGE** **MAJORITY**  
REMOVAL COST 3-11 8-10

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Disposal costs were too few to report. Demand was light for spent leghorn fowl. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were light. Salvage values were expected to remain constant. **RANGE** **MAJORITY**  
REMOVAL COST TOO FEW TO REPORT

**NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Removal prices ranged unchanged. Offerings were adequate to instances fully adequate with demand fairly good to good. Trade sentiment steady.

**RANGE** **MAJORITY**  
REMOVAL COST 0-10 5-9

**WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN** Plant schedules moderate. Offerings adequate.

**SHELL EGGS-COMBINED REGIONAL**

Average prices on sales to volume buyers, Grade A Large or better, White eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	57.50	55.00	42.50
SOUTHEAST	59.50	57.50	43.00
MIDWEST	52.50	50.50	38.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	61.50	59.50	46.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	57.90	55.79	42.80

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET** Trading was too few to report for heavy canners; unchanged to slightly lower on lights when compared to the previous week. Offerings of light canners was fully sufficient for the mostly light to fair at best demand. Most available supplies of heavy canners were being used internally with demand generally fair. Offerings ranged adequate to fully adequate for current trade needs. Processing schedules were at least normal. The undertone was steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
19-28 MAJORITY 24-25	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
20-30 MAJORITY 25-26	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION** W/E 25-FEB-06**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
Head	1,054	1,516	2,570
Last Week	1,029	1,294	2,323
Same week yr ago	1,511	1,477	2,988
To-date/2006	10,442	11,109	21,551
To-date/2005	11,268	10,151	21,419

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
Head	228	0	228
Last Week	361	0	361
Same week yr ago	315	0	315
To-date/2006	2,137	7	2,144
To-date/2005	2,547	4	2,551

**TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
Head	1,282	1,516	2,798
Last Week	1,390	1,294	2,684
Same week yr ago	1,826	1,477	3,303
To-date/2006	12,579	11,116	23,695
To-date/2005	13,815	10,155	23,970

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch

**Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade****U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending February 18, 2006		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2006	2005 1/	2006 2/	2005
Liquid	209	361	1,461	1,766
Frozen	0	0	40	0
Dried	40	40	80	61
Total	249	401	1,581	1,827

**U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending February 18, 2006		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2006	2005 1/	2006 2/	2005
Liquid	86	168	384	1,663
Frozen	6	45	163	158
Dried	0	0	0	160
Total	92	213	547	1,981

**Inspected Shell Eggs****U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

Week Ending February 18, 2006		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2006	2005 1/	2006 2/	2005
Jumbo	0	0	0	0
Extra Large	930	10,210	4,410	38,530
Large	1,110	26,619	6,450	81,304
Medium	1,488	1,500	6,258	6,315
Ungraded	750	602	3,200	1,472
Misc	0	0	0	1,500
Total	4,278	38,931	20,318	129,121

1/ Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

2/ Includes revisions to previous week(s).

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch.

**COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - Selected Centers**  
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

		Frozen Eggs/LBS	Turkeys/LBS	Processed other Poultry/LBS
AM	02/27/06	3,217	69,818	70,033
AM	02/01/06	3,481	52,434	73,883
CHG		-264	17,384	-3,850
PCT CHG		-8%	33%	-5%

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 25-Feb-2006**

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW	PCT CHG PW	LY
Atlanta	27.8	31.8	-13	-7
Boston	3.0	3.1	-3	0
Chicago	80.1	81.9	-2	7
Detroit	21.7	24.8	-13	-15
Kansas City	4.3	6.0	-28	-49
Los Angeles	120.7	114.5	5	16
New Orleans	6.0	6.9	-13	-25
New York	31.3	31.2	0	-3
St. Louis	20.7	17.3	20	43
San Francisco	19.1	18.7	2	-4
Total	334.7	336.2	0	4
4 Week Moving Avg.	328.6			

**COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT**

W/E 25-Feb-2006	CASES (IN THOUS)	(Receipts From Producers) PERCENT CHANGE FROM PW LY	
REGIONS		PW	LY
North Atlantic	205.4	-3	-2
East North Central	637.3	1	2
West North Central	297.0	1	0
South Atlantic	196.2	1	-9
South Central	69.5	14	-1
West	196.3	5	-3
Total	1,601.7	2	-1

Matched plants reporting 84 84

Areas Covered: North Atlantic (ME,VT,MA,RI,CT,NH,NY,PA,NJ,MC,DE)  
 East North Central (WI,IL,MI,OH,IN) West North Central (IA,MN,MO,KS,SD)  
 South Atlantic (SC,NC,VA,GA,FL,KY) South Central (TN,AL,AR,MS,OK)  
 West (CA,CO,WA,OR,UT)

**NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT Feb 28, 2006**

PRICES PAID PER DOZEN GRADE A BROWN EGGS IN CARTONS DELIVERED STORE DOOR.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE	99	97	68	50
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	92-96	90-94	61-65	43-47
MOSTLY	94-95	92-93	63-64	45-46
RHODE ISLAND	98-102	96-100	67-71	49-53
MOSTLY	98	96	67	49
VERMONT	99-100	97-99	68-75	-
MOSTLY	99	97	68	-

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